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SUBJECT: MIT INVITATION TO JWGEC; JWGTRD

1. DR. JEROME WIESNER, PRESIDENT MIT HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO EGYPTIAN MEMBERS OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO VISIT MIT, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN MIT AND EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. AS NO USG OR UNIVERSITY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT GOE EXPENSE. ALTERNATIVELY, MIT PROBABLY ABLE TO SEND REP TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF JWG'S DURING WEEK OF JUNE 2. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO TRY TO ARRANGE MIT VISIT BY DR. IBRAHIM BADION, VICE PRESIDENT CAIRO UNIVERSITY DURING UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS VISIT (UNRELATED TO JWG).

2. MIT, UNDER AN AID GRANT HAS PROGRAM CONCERNED WITH THE EXPLOITATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMNTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IS INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH INSTITUTIONS IN LOOKING INTO SUCH QUESTIONS INTER ALIA, AS 1) IDENTIFYING SKILLS AND CRITERIA REQUIRED TO SELECT AND ADOPT TECHNOLOGIES APPROPRIATE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; EXAMINING TECHNIQUES FOR STRENGTHENING THESE SKILLS SUCH AS TECHNICAL EDUCATION, DESIGN OF PRODUCTS,

PROCESSES AND PLANTS; 2) UNDERSTANDING PROCESSES FOR INTRODUCTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND MANAGERIAL KNOWLEDGE CAN BE INTRODUCED; 3) EXAMINING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF IMPORTING US ESTABLISHING INDIGINOUS TECHNOLOGIES.

MIT'S PARTICULAR COMPETANCE APPLICABLE TO AREAS OF CHEMICAL AND MATERIALS, MACHINE TOOLS, PROCESSING, METALLURGY, WATER RESOURCES, COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTATION.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY MIT INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS AND ADVISE IF INTEREST ASAP. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM DR. HASSAN ISMAIL OF OFFER AND OPTIONS ON ARRIVAL. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF INVITATION.
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